

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 18 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 12 are the only independents claim present in the application. All claims heretofore on file in the application have been allowed. No additional claims are presented

Specification

The specification has been amended to place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been presented.

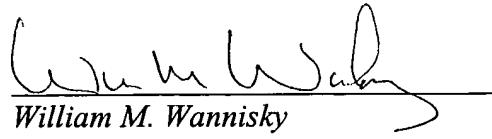
Claims 2 and 3 have been amended herein to even more succinctly define the invention. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to Claims 2 and 3 do not affect the allowability of the claims and does not present any new matter. See, for example, page 72, lines 14 through 20 of the specification. (The Examiner's Amendments to Claims 1 and 12 have been incorporated in these claims.)

This Amendment After Allowance (this "Amendment") ensures that the patent issuing herefrom will be in the best possible form. No additional claims are presented. This Amendment was not previously presented, inasmuch as it was only recently recognized that the form of the application could be improved. Given the Examiner's familiarity with the present application, it is respectfully submitted that full consideration of this Amendment will not require any additional search, more than a cursory review of the record, or any materially-added work, time, and effort on the part of the Office. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.16, pages 700-211 and 700-212 (Rev. 1, Feb. 2003).

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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